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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE
THE STARWOOD POWER PROJECT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (06-AFC-10)**

On November 17, 2006, Starwood Power-Midway, LLC (Starwood), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a simple-cycle (peaking) power plant, the Starwood Power Project, in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. On December 29, 2006, Starwood provided a supplement to the AFC to satisfy the Energy Commission's informational requirements. On January 3, 2007, the Energy Commission accepted the AFC with the supplemental information as complete. The staff of the Energy Commission is now in the data discovery and analysis phases of the project's 12-month licensing process.

On April 20, 2007, Starwood Power–Midway, LLC (applicant) submitted additional information which describes recent changes to the proposed project. The changes apply primarily to the storm and waste water treatment and disposal systems. In addition the equipment foundations will be raised three feet above grade since the project is located within the 100 year floodplain. The supplemental document has been posted to the project website and can be accessed directly at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/starwood/documents/applicant/2007-04-20_ADDITIONAL_INFORMATION.PDF. Staff is currently reviewing this new information for incorporation into it's Preliminary Staff Assessment.

Project Description

The proposed Starwood Power project would be a 120 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired peaking power plant to be located on 5.6 acres of land located within a 128-acre parcel in an unincorporated area of western Fresno County. The site is approximately 50 miles west of the city of Fresno and approximately 2 miles northeast of the intersection of West Panoche Road and Interstate 5. The proposed project would connect to Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) electrical system at the existing PG&E Panoche substation via a 300-foot generator tap line into the existing CalPeak Panoche generator tie line.

Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts, and engineering aspects of proposed power plants, and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines and natural gas pipelines. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Public Participation

If you would like information on how you can participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact the Energy Commission Public Advisor's Office, at (916) 654-4489 (toll free in California at (800) 822-6228), or by email at pao@energy.state.ca.us. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Che McFarlin, Project Manager, at (916) 651-0965, or by e-mail at cmcfarli@energy.state.ca.us. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989 or email to mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us. The status of the project, copies of notices, an electronic version of the AFC and supplemental information, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/starwood>. You can also subscribe to receive e-mail notification of all notices at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/html/listservers.html>.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that requested placement on the mailing list and to property owners located within 1000 feet of the project site. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the project's evaluation are available for review. If you want your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Angela Hockaday, Project Secretary, at (916) 653-3925, or by e-mail at ahockada@energy.state.ca.us.

Availability of the AFC and AFC Supplement, and Additional Information

Copies of the AFC and Supplement are available for public inspection at the following Fresno County Public Libraries:


Mendota Branch Library
667 Quince Street
Mendota, CA 93640

Fresno County Central Library
2420 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Eureka, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In addition, this information has been shared with those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

Sincerely,

5/8/07
Date


ROGER E. JOHNSON, Manager
Energy Facilities Siting and Compliance Office

Sent to Applicant and Property Owner Mailing Lists on May 8, 2007